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ABSTRACT

This CD-ROM presents a virtual visit to the School of Environmental Studies, located on the grounds of its major community partner, the Minnesota Zoo. This 11th and 12th grade high school was opened in 1995, and in 1999 it was named a New American High School by the U.S. Department of Education because of its new, innovative approach to learning. The CO-ROM virtual visit offers an opportunity to see the dynamic education offered at a small school created on the site of a community partner. Topics addressed on the CD-ROM include: the advantages of a small, theme-based school; how educational programs drive building design; the advantages of flexible learning environments; schools as centers of communities; relationships; responsiveness to students' interests; and preparation of students for life success. The tour is also available online. (SM)

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